## The THA Pet Policy and THA Companion Animal Policy and Registration Forms for pets are available at the THA Office. The following is a summary of the THA Pet Policy:

THA defines a pet as a dog, cat, bird, reptile, rodent, fish or turtle. Animals that assist persons with disabilities are not pets. The number of pets by type that a tenant can have is limited as follows: 1 dog or cat weighing 16 pounds or less and/or 2 rodents, 2 reptiles not more than 3 feet in length, 2 birds not more than 12 inches tall, 2 turtles, 1 20-gallon aquarium of fish.

Pets must be registered with THA before they are brought onto THA property and then on or before September 1 of each year thereafter. Having an unregistered pet is a lease violation. As part of the annual registration process pet owners must provide (a) a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian indicating that the animal has received all inoculations required by applicable state and local law and that it is spayed or neutered if it is a cat or dog, (b) information or a photograph sufficient to demonstrate that the animal is a common household pet, (c) proof that the animal is properly licensed, and, (d) the name, address, and telephone number of one or more responsible persons who will take care of the pet if the owner dies, is incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to care for the pet.

Pet owners are responsible for any damage resulting from pet ownership including bodily harm to individuals and damages to housing authority buildings and property. An additional security deposit (equal to half the regular security deposit) is required when a resident has pets. This security deposit requirement does not apply in the case of tenants who utilize companion or service animals.)

All pets must be kept free from fleas, ticks, vermin and disease. Pet owners exercising pets on THA property must do so only in areas designated by THA for this purpose. Pet owners must promptly remove and properly dispose of all removable pet waste. Pet owners who fail to dispose of their pet waste will be charged \$5.00 for the first violation and \$10 per occurrence thereafter.

Owners of cats and other pets that use a litter boxes must change the litter at least once a week or more often if necessary. Pet waste and used litter must be sealed in plastic and promptly deposited outside in designated containers. Bird cages must be cleaned at least once a week and more often if necessary. Loose seed must be cleaned up promptly.

Pets may not be tied, chained or otherwise confined outside anywhere on THA property. Pet owners must comply with all City ordinances. City authorities will be notified if a pet is left unattended for 24 hours or more, and the pet may be removed from THA premises.

Pet owners must have pets under control while in their unit and on a leash and under control in common areas of THA buildings and on THA property outside THA building.

THA will terminate the Registration of any pet that disturbs other residents or THA staff by barking, scratching, whining or by making other unusual noises or engages in any form of threatening behavior. THA does not allow visitors to bring pets onto THA property. Pet owners may not in any way alter an apartment unit or the area outside a unit to accommodate a pet.